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SUBJECT: LEBANESE FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS POLAND

1. LEBANONS FOREIGN MINSTER FU'AD NAFFA' VISITED POLAND
SEPT 15-18 AND MET WITH COUNCIL OF STATE CHAIRMAN
JABLONSKI, CULTURAL MINISTER AND VICE PREMIER TEJCHMAN, AND
FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER OLSZEWSKI, IN ADDITION TO CONFERRING
WITH HIS HOST, FOREIGN MINSTER OLSZOWSKI, AND OTER MFA
OFFICIALS. THE VISIT, BILLED AS THE FIRST EVER BY A LEBANESE
FOREIGN MINISTER, RECEIVED MODERATE COVERAGE IN THE MEDIA.
NAFFA' ALSO TOOK A SIDE TRIP TO TORUN WHERE HE MET WITH UNIVERSITY
OFFICIALS AND TOURED INDUSTRIAL AND CULTURAL SITES.

2. BILATERAL TOPICS RECEIVED ONLY SECONDARY TREATMENT IN PRESS
REPORTING AND THE COMMUNIQUE, ALTHOUGH THERE WAS SOME STRESS
ON FURTHER TRADE EXPANSION AND ON INTENSIFYING CULTURAL,
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SCIENTIFIC, AND POLITICAL CONTACTS. HOWEVER, NO DETAILS WERE

MADE AVAILABLE CONCERNING FUTURE PROJECTS IN THESE AREAS, AND THE COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED SEP 19 IN TRYBUNA LUDU COVERED THESE SUBJECTS IN A SINGLE PARAGRAPH.

3. ASIDE FROM EXPRESSIONS OF CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR DETENTE, PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE, AND EUROPEAN SECURITY, THE COMMUNIQUE AND PRESS COMMENTARY ON THE VISIT CONCENTRATED MAINLY ON MIDDLE EAST ISSUES. THE POLISH SIDE "DECIDEDLY" CONDEMNED ISRAELI "AGGRESSION", ACCORDING TO THE COMMUNIQUE, AND POSITED CONDITIONS FOR A PEACFUL MIDDLE EAST SOLUTION IN FAMILIAR TERMS--ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED AREAS AND RESTORATION OF THE "NATIONAL RIGHTS" OF PALESTINIAN ARABS. BOTH SIDES VOICED HOPES FOR SPEEDY COMMENCEMENT OF THE TENEVA CONFERENCE ON THE MIDDLE EAST, ADDING THAT ALL INTERESTED PEOPLE, "MUST PARTICIPATE IN IT. THEY ALSO CALLED FOR STRICT ADHERENCE TO UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS ON CYPRUS AND FOR PARTICIPATION OF "ALL INTERESTED PARTIES" IN RESOLVING THE CYPRUS QUESTION ON THE BASIS OF "INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY, UNITY, AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY" FOR CYPRUS.

4. NAFFA' IN FAREWELL REMARKS TO NEWSMEN CONDEMNED ISRAELI "AGGRESSION" IN ESPECIALLY HARSH TERMS, CITING ALLEGED "BARBARISM" AND "BURTALITY" AND LIKENING THE "FATE" OF EL KUNEITRE TO THAT VISITED UPON WARSAW BY THE NAZIS, ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS.

5. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH ONE BRIEF EDITORIAL OUTLINED POLISH-LEBANESE RELATIONS IN SOME DETAIL, NOTING, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT THE VALUE OF THEIR COMMERCIAL EXCHANGES HAD INCREASED THREE FOLD FROM 1970-73, THE PRIMARY EMPHSIS, AND POSSIBLY THE MAIN PURPOSE OF NAFFA'S VISIT, WAS APPARENTLY TO REINFORCE POLISH SUPPORT FOR LEBANON IN THE MIDDLE EASTERN POLITICAL CONTEXT.
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